

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A roofing shingle comprising a top and bottom surface, the bottom surface provided with a release coating of a continuous film of particles having good to  
5 perfect basal cleavage.
2. A shingle in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said release coating is disposed on the pressure point portions of said bottom surface.
- 10 3. A shingle in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said roofing shingle is a shingle selected from the group consisting of a laminated shingle and a strip shingle.
4. A shingle in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said particles are in the class phyllosilicates.
- 15 5. A shingle in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said particles are selected from the group consisting of Allophane, Apophyllite, Bannisterite, Carletonite, Cavansite, Chrysocolla, Baileychlore, Chamosite, Chlorite, Clinochlore, Cookeite, Nimite, Pennantite, Penninite, Sudioite, Glauconite, Illite, Kaolinite, Montmorillonite,  
20 Palygorskite, Pyrophyllite, Sauconite, Talc, Vermiculite, Delhayelite, Elpidite, Fedorite, Franklinfurnaceite, Franklinphilite, Gonyerite, Gyolite and Leucosphenite; Biotite, Lepidolite, Muscovite, Paragonite, Phlogopite, Zinnwaldite, Minehillite, Nordite, Pentagonite, Petalite, Prehnite, Rhodesite, Sanfornite, Antigorite, Clinochrysotile, Lizardite, Orthochrysotile, Serpentine, Wickenburgite, Zeophyllite.
- 25 6. A stack of roofing shingles comprising a plurality of said roofing shingles of Claim 1 wherein the top surface of each roofing shingle faces the bottom surface of its adjoining roofing shingle.

7. A stack of roofing shingles comprising a plurality of said roofing shingles of Claim 2 wherein the top surface of each roofing shingle faces the bottom surface of its adjoining roofing shingle.

5       8. A stack of roofing shingles comprising a plurality of said roofing shingles of Claim 3 wherein the top surface of each roofing shingle faces the bottom surface of its adjoining roofing shingle.

10      9. A stack of roofing shingles comprising a plurality of said roofing shingles of Claim 4 wherein the top surface of each roofing shingle faces the bottom surface of its adjoining roofing shingle.

15      10. A stack of roofing shingles comprising a plurality of said roofing shingles of Claim 5 wherein the top surface of each roofing shingle faces the bottom surface of its adjoining roofing shingle.

20      11. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle comprising applying a release coating of a continuous film of particles having good to perfect basal cleavage to a bottom portion of a shingle.

25      12. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 11 wherein said release coating is applied on pressure point portions of said bottom surface.

30      13. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 11 wherein said particles are suspended in a water based suspension.

          14. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said water based suspension is sprayed onto the shingle.

15. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said water based suspension is brushed onto the shingle.

16. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 5 13 wherein said water based suspension is wiped onto the shingle.

17. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 11 wherein said particles are selected from the group consisting of Allophane, Apophyllite, Bannisterite, Carletonite, Cavansite, Chrysocolla, Baileychlore, Chamosite, Chlorite, Clinochlore, Cookeite, Nimite, Pennantite, Penninite, Sudioite, 10 Glauconite, Illite, Kaolinite, Montmorillonite, Palygorskite, Pyrophyllite, Sauconite, Talc, Vermiculite, Delhayelite, Elpidite, Fedorite, Franklinfurnaceite, Franklinphilite, Gonyerite, Gyolite and Leucosphenite; Biotite, Lepidolite, Muscovite, Paragonite, Phlogopite, Zinnwaldite, Minehillite, Nordite, Pentagonite, Petalite, Prehnite, Rhodesite, Sanfornite, Antigorite, Clinochrysotile, Lizardite, Orthochrysotile, 15 Serpentine, Wickenburgite, Zeophyllite.

18. A method of manufacturing a roofing shingle in accordance with Claim 11 wherein the release coating is applied to a self seal adhesive portion on the bottom portion of the shingle.